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## BROWNS HOST 40 STUDENTS FROM THE GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM (G.R.E.A.T.) ON TUESDAY, AUG. 15<sup>TH</sup>

WR Dennis Northcutt to speak to students following Tuesday's practice

The Cleveland Browns are kicking off their partnership with the U.S. Marshals Service and the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.) by hosting 40 students, from Cleveland, East Cleveland and Warrensville Heights to training camp on Tuesday, Aug. 15 for the 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. practice at the Browns Training Facility in Berea, Ohio.

Following practice, the students will receive a special visit from Browns **WR Dennis Northcutt**, who will speak to the students about the importance of finding everyday role models in their lives. Northcutt is an advocate of the G.R.E.A.T. program and recently filmed and recorded public service announcements for the program and will be speaking to a special summit this fall.

The purpose of the G.R.E.A.T. program is to create safer schools and communities by reducing youth involvement in gangs. To achieve this purpose, the program offers strategic goals to prevent youth crime, violence and gang involvement among school-aged youth in all communities by reducing the precursor attitudes and behaviors associated with these behaviors, and to create safer schools and communities by building positive relationships among law enforcement, families and younger children.

The G.R.E.A.T. program encompasses middle-school, elementary, families and summer programs by creating a group of qualified professionals capable of influencing negative attitudes about gangs while creating positive views of law enforcement.

Also in attendance will be **United States Marshal for the Northern District of Ohio, Peter J. Elliott**, who was appointed by President Bush in 2003, and **Cathy Jones, Assistant Chief Deputy for the U.S. Marshals Service in the Northern District of Ohio**.

Marshal Peter J. Elliott is the youngest U.S. Marshal appointed in the history of the district, as he brought the G.R.E.A.T. program to the district and now the program has been adopted as a national program by the United States Marshals Service.

Assistant Chief Deputy Marshal Cathy Jones has been employed by the U.S. Marshals Service for fourteen years and coordinates the G.R.E.A.T. program on a daily basis in partnership with local government, corporate, faith-based, non-profit, and academic partners. She also serves as the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force Commander for twenty counties.

For more information on the G.R.E.A.T. program visit www.great-online.org.